

Minutes - MC2 PhD student council meeting

Attendees: Josef Hansson, Ewa Simpanen, Silvia Ruffieux, Filip Hjort, Sobhan Sepehri, Marlene Bonmann

Secretary: Filip Hjort

Adopting minutes: Ewa Simpanen

1. Election of meeting officials

Filip was elected as secretary. Ewa adopts the minutes.

2. Approval of agenda

Agenda was approved.

3. Meeting notice in due order

Meeting notice was determined to be sent out in due order.

4. Updates from other boards and committees

- The executive board (Ledningsgruppen, LG): No new meetings according to Ewa.
- The department advisory board (Institutionsrådet): Maria not present.
- Chalmers PhD student guild (Doktorandsektionen, DS): Sobhan reports of no updates.
- The union of research student in physics (Föreningen för Forskarstuderande i Fysik, FFF): No news according to Silvia.

5. Statues for the board

The council discussed and decided on changes to the sent out draft, as specified below.

- §1.2 Remove point about cooperation with FFF as a primary purpose of the council. Also change place between point 2 and 4.
- §1.5 The council agreed that the official name should be "MC2 PhD student council".
- §3.1 Remove last sentence. No need to specify in the statues how the council should interact with doctoral students from divisions not represented in the council.
- §3.2 The council agreed that a suitable maximum number of representatives should be number of divisions + 6. Josef will formulate a suggestion for minimum number of representatives so it includes that, if possible, each division should be represented, but the board should still be in function as long it has a minimum of 3 members.
It was also suggested that the council should offer to LG and the department advisory board to propose candidates for the student representatives in those entities. Josef and Ewa will investigate this.
- §3.3 The council discussed the possibility of having closed meetings when sensitive matters are brought to the boards attention. Most situations should be possible to easily anonymize and the council thinks it is probable that such situations will often lead to the board directing the doctoral student to other resources. Nevertheless, it was decided that any council member could request a closed meeting, after for example being approach by a student, and that §3.3 in the draft to the statues should be adjusted accordingly.
Remove "Attendance for all regular members is optional "
- §3.4 Add that at least 3 members must be present to have decision-making power.

- §3.5 Keep reasonable time as the time before the meeting minutes must be published.
- §4.1 A general assembly should be called by either the board or at least 10 students.
- §4.3 Add that a purpose of the general assembly also is to give directives to the council.
- §4.6 The minimum number of doctoral students for the assembly to have decision-making power should be changed to 10. The council discussed that it is difficult to estimate how many student that will be present at the general assemblies and therefore this number might have to be changed.
- §4.9 The council discussed what will happen if there are several doctoral student from MC2 in DS or FFF. Josef will write up a suggestion to reformulate this section.
- §4.11 The council decided that no specification of the voting order other than "majority vote" is needed.

6. **Actions for next meeting**

Josef will send out a ShareLatex link with an updated draft of the statues. Everyone should review it and give any comments before the next meeting.

7. **Other issues**

No other issues.

8. **Next meeting**

Josef will send out a doodle for setting a date for the next meeting. It will take place sometime in the end of September. At the next meeting the council will discuss a close to finished draft of the statues. In addition, the first general assembly will be planned and concrete action points on what the council will do after the formal start-up is finished should be discussed.

9. **Closing of the meeting**

Josef closed the meeting 14.45